

Raising Sheep For Wool

Part Two: The How's and the Hay

Course *Overview*

Working through your "how"

You've got your sheep- now what?

Nurtition Needs for Wool Production

Nutritional Needs for the best fleece



Sheep do not necessarily need a full barn. Using a tree line, or anything that will block the wind and elements, will give your sheep a safe place to seek refuge and shade.

A three sided shed structure can also provide your sheep a safe place to get out of the rain or sun. Some simple structures can be permanent or can be mobile giving you the ability to move the structure for rotational grazing or as needs arise.

Provided that you are aware of the unique needs of your breed and that your sheep have access to the right nutrition, sheep can easily thrive in a minimalized sheltered environment.



The advantages of a permanent barn structure are something to consider as well. As you begin to set your goals for your flock and wool production, a permanent shelter may be the best investment for you. In Kentucky, many old tobacco barns have been converted to sheep barns with addition of gates, stalls and proper bedding.

Barns give producers the ability to close in their sheep, safe from predators and elements. It can also prove beneficial at shearing time, when sheep can be kept dry and off from feed prior to shearing.



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